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| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT \$420 |
| Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted. |
| X A check in the amount of \$420.00 for the extension of time is enclosed. |
| X The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1141, pertaining to 1) any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims; 2) any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17. |
| X Any additional extension of time required for the timely submission of this paper, the extension which have not been previously paid, is hereby petitioned for and requested. |
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Sir:

This response is to the Office Action dated August 8, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 8, 2003. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as set forth below. This response is timely filed because a two-month extension of time has been paid for and requested.

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